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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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BIO-TECHNOLOGY PARKS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to promote Bio-technology Parks in the country in each States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the States where these Bio-tech Parks have been set up so far, State-wise and location-wise;

(d) whether any assistance is extended by the Centre to those States for the establishment of these parks;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether State Government has also requested the Union Government to grant tax concessions tothe proposed bio-tech parks on the lines of SEZs; and
(h) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The Government is promoting setting up of biotechnology parks in different states. State Governments such as Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala are preparing business plans to set up biotechnology parks.

(c) : The Govt. of Tamil Nadu and Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India have jointlyset up a biotechnology park for women in Chennai. A biotechnology park is being established adjacent to ICICI Knowledge Park in the Turkapalli Village near Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

(d), (e) & (f) : Department of Biotechnology, Government of India is providing technical assistance and would consider financial support for establishment of specialized common facilities such as bioinformatics, pilot plants, tissue culture hardening units, etc. as and when required.

(g) & (h) : As and when proposals are finalized, all related issues would be taken note of.